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1. INFORMATION FROM OLSEN ON SWEDISH RELATIONS WITH GERMANY
2. INFORMATION FROM VOUT ON GERMAN PRESSURE ON TURKEY (1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No: 486

43-Mar-42 12/11 March 1942

To [Name No. 42].

1. Through OLSEN.

- (a) A member of the Swedish Riksdag has reported that WIND(VID), the German Ambassador, called on GÜNTHER(GYSTER) and informed him verbally that the German Government wished to acquire the lease of some naval bases on GOTLAND and in the County of BLÄKINGE, which

[11 groups unrecovered]

[D; railway stations]. GÜNTHER firmly rejected this.

- (b) The director of a certain factory was due to receive several tons of metal from Germany; he had bought this previously but it had not been delivered to him. He made enquiries and received the answer from Germany that "Your consignment has been prepared for despatch but cannot be sent off because of transport difficulties. If you have not got it by 28th March, then after

[12 groups unrecovered]

[D; information shows that this is] connected with some kind of special preparations.

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2. VOUGT[FOGT] [redacted], the ~~President~~ of the Social Democratic element of the Riksdag, said that, according to information he had received from Germany, the Germans were pressing Turkey to allow German troops to pass through the country in order to attack in the Caucasus. He associates this with the last visit which the German Military Attaché in ANKARA made to BERLIN [7 groups uncovered]

No. 34

[Name No. 64] [redacted]

- Comments: [i] Name No. 42 : In 1943 this is thought to refer to Capt. (1st Rank) M.A. VORONTSOV, but may not do so at this date.
- [ii] OLSEN : Unidentified. OLSEN a possible alternative transliteration.
- [iii] WIED : Victor Prinz zu WIED, German ~~Minister~~ ^{Ambassador} in STOCKHOLM.
- [iv] GÜNTHER : Christian Ernst GÜNTHER, Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- [v] VOUGT : Allan G. P. VOUGT. Was known to be Vice-President of the Social Democratic Party in the Riksdag in 1941.
- [vi] Name No. 64 : Unidentified STOCKHOLM signatory.